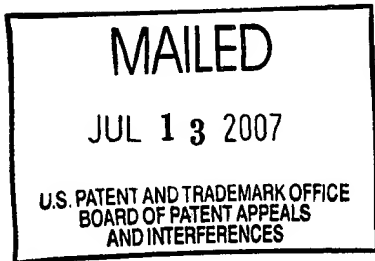


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte GLENN F. SPAULDING

Application 09/550,276

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

A Supplemental Examiner's Answer was mailed on March 29, 2007 "for further consideration and explanation of issues raised and required by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in their decision to remand the application to the examiner on record."¹ However, this Answer is deficient pursuant to § 1207.05 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) (Eighth Edition, Rev. 3, August 2005) which states that "[e]very supplemental examiner's answer must be approved by a

¹ Remand to the Examiner mailed September 28, 2006, page 1.

Technology Center (TC) Director or designee.” It should be noted that TC 2100 only allows approval by the Director. Correction is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) for obtaining a Technology Center (TC) Director’s signature on the Supplemental Examiner’s Answer mailed March 29, 2007; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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